

# Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

| Monday<br>Jan 8                   | Tuesday<br>Jan 9 | Wednesday<br>Jan 10  | Thursday<br>Jan 11  | Friday<br>Jan 12             | Saturday<br>Jan 13 | Sunday<br>Jan 14                     |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--|---|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 3:00 -<br>Nominating<br>Committee |                  | 9:00- ESL<br>2:30 - Finance Mtg<br>4:00 - Stewardship<br>Mtg | 2:00 - Women's<br>Bible Study<br>2:00 - Christian<br>Meditation<br>3:45 - Choir | 3:00 - Health<br>Minstry Mtg |                    | 10:00 - Worship<br>11:00- Fellowship |

JUST COFFEE sales are on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
**SOCKS/HAND-ME-DOWN SUNDAY** is on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month  
**FOOD BANK** donations are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month  
**DEADLINE** for a weekly worship bulletin announcement is **Tuesday morning**  
**DEADLINE** for The ORACLE Newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month  
 Thank you for your punctual submissions to: [mspoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mspoffice@gmail.com)



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017**  
**ATTENDANCE 72**



**We give gratefully because God is  
generous.**

**Your prayers, hours, energy, and  
dollars support this congregation.**

**Thank you for planning to dedicate a  
portion of your 2018 resources to  
Mountain Shadows Presbyterian  
Church on Stewardship Commitment  
Sunday, January 21.**

## **PRAYERS FOR...**

- Puerto Rico regaining electrical power
- Rev. Cheek's grandson, Hunter, in treatment at mental facility
- Peace in Middle East
- Rose grieving loss of son this past week
- Granddaughter, Lucia, hip surgery

## **THANKS FOR...**

- Guest Pastor Rev. John Cheek
- Special music - John and Carol Reid and Chris Tackett
- Beautiful weather
- Family gatherings at Christmas
- Christmas Open House at Fran and Jerry's
- Paul's successful treatment
- Mission connectors
- Mayor Rothchild's father

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

Welcome to all visitors, members and children who are worshipping with us today. We trust that worship will give you a sense of fellowship with Christ and with the community of God's people. Following the service, please gather on the Ramada for conversation and refreshments. **LARGE PRINT BIBLES AND HYMNALS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE CHAIRS IN THE SANCTUARY. IF YOU CANNOT FIND ONE NEAR YOU, PLEASE NOTIFY ONE OF OUR USHERS.**

**USHERS:** Connie Wortman, Martha MacKrand, Lynn Parker, Marsha Kwolek

**HOSPITALITY:** Gary & Suz Mahler

**GREETERS:** Volunteers

**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Rod Hutton, Denise Edwards, Marilyn Skoneczka



No matter where you are in life, including exercise and a healthy diet will help you do the things you need and want to do - even better! **Stop by the Health Ministry table in January and pick up some good information to help you jump start 2018!**



## A Sign-Up Opportunity!

Help us decorate the sanctuary with beautiful flowers each Sunday. Sign-up sheets are available on the ramada after worship. A \$30 donation is suggested. Questions? Contact Lynn Parker at 936-293-0304.

## Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 28, 2018,

following worship:



- Receive the 2017 Annual Report.
- Thank outgoing Deacons and Elders & Other Leaders.
- Review the 2018 Operating Budget.

All church members may vote on:

- Nominees for Elder & Deacon;
- 2018 Nominating Committee Members;
- Pastor's Terms of Call for 2018.

*Please plan to be present on January 28.*

## ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE

2017 Annual Report submissions are due to [msoapoffice@gmail.com](mailto:msoapoffice@gmail.com) by Mon., Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>.

February Oracle submissions are due to [msoapoffice@gmail.com](mailto:msoapoffice@gmail.com) by Mon., Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>.



Did you read *Gratitude 2017*, the first stewardship mailing?

Did you realize the impact your gifts of time, talent, and treasure have made in your community and throughout the world? Listen today and next week as we continue to describe how you are making a difference.



## Christian Meditation Group

The Christian Meditation Group meets every Thurs., at 2:00 pm in the Chapel (formerly the Nursery) to share an hour of contemplative prayer and supportive friendship. All are welcome!



The Women's Horizons Bible Study Group will meet Thursday, January 11th from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm, in Rm 3. We will be discussing Chapter 3. Please contact Karen Koopmans (520-818-6337) if you need a book.

## Ministry Team Development Fair After Worship on Stewardship Commitment Sunday January 21, 2018

- Visit various Ministry Teams' information tables.
- Enjoy refreshments and learn about getting involved!
- Connect with the ministry team that fits who you are.



## Just Coffee Update!

Although coffee was not being officially sold during the last week in December, seven pounds were sold. Therefore, MSPC sold 401 pounds of Just Coffee in 2017. Congratulations. We made our goal!



## Becoming an Ally in the Struggle for Justice: A Lenten Learning Book Discussion

- Based on the book *No Innocent Bystanders: Becoming an Ally in the Struggle for Justice*
- Four consecutive Monday afternoons in Lent, February 19 and 26; March 5 and 12 at 2:00 p.m., Room 3
- Sign-up soon! Add your name to the list at church. A bulk order of books will be purchased and distributed to those who sign up.
- \$14.00 per book, payable to MSPC, will be collected at the first discussion, on February 19.

Readable and faith-based, *No Innocent Bystanders* integrates the major Christian realities of faith, grace, sin, repentance, forgiveness, love, justice, and reconciliation into a practical guide for followers of Jesus who feel called to change unjust social systems. The book is written to help Christians resist racism and advocate for the rights of LGBTQ persons and other oppressed groups. Because it invites readers to look within themselves and act with wisdom and courage, it will be a fitting read for the transformational season of Lent.

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## PASTOR

Rev. Rachel Srubas

### Director of Music

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### Treasurer

David Raffety

### Office Manager

Judy Leonard

### Child Care Provider

Elder, Allison Townsend

## Session Elders, Guiding and Governing the Congregation, & Ministry Team Moderators

**Caring** Health Ministry

Jayne Raffety, Moderator

**Gathering** Christian Community

Evelyn Ramsey, Elder

Membership

Carlton Wiens, Moderator

Worship & Music

Mary Ann Butler, Elder

Allison Townsend, Elder

**Giving** Stewardship

Dave Smith, Moderator

Legacy

David Raffety, Moderator

**Learning** Childcare/Adult Faith Formation/Library

Pamela Schultz, Elder

**Tending** Clerk of Session

Skip Brauns, Elder

Finance

Jeff States, Elder

Facilities/Grounds

Dan Linegar, Elder

Al Johnson, Elder

Personnel

Skip Brauns, Elder

**Venturing** Mission & Outreach

Elizabeth Houle, Elder

## Mountain Shadows' Board of Deacons, Caring for the Congregation

Linda Linegar, Co-Moderator

Kathy Moyer, Co-Moderator

Mary Anderson

George Gregg

Freja Cranston

Connie Wortman

Carlton Wiens

Ann Wright

Alida Wilkes

### Our Mission Statement

Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), is a Christ-centered fellowship, called to live as disciples of Jesus Christ as we care for our community and our world.

We strive to share the good news of the Gospel with each other and the surrounding communities, and to interact with love and grace with all of God's creation.